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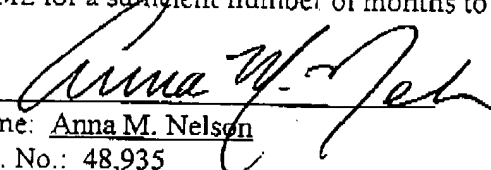
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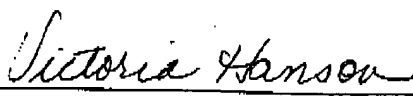
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed March 10, 2004, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

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REMARKS

Claims 1-43 remain pending in the above referenced application.

The Examiner has required that the above referenced application be restricted under 35 U.S.C. § 121 to one of the following inventions:

Group I: Claims 1-18 drawn a process for extracting a target protein comprising purification, classified in class 530, subclass 412.

Group II: Claims 19-29 drawn to a method for decreasing biomass-biomass interactions, classified in class 435, subclass 7.1.

Group III: Claims 30-40 are drawn to a method for altering a flocculent in a solution of disrupted E. coli cells, classified in class 435, subclass 377.

Group IV: Claims 41-43 drawn to protein products, classified in class 530, 350.

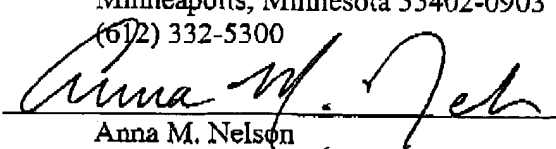
Applicant elects the claims of Group I, claims 1-18 with traverse. However, regardless of the restriction and subsequent election, Applicant notes that based on MPEP § 821.04, once a process claim is found allowable, a claim directed to a product made using that process (which contains all of the limitations or is dependent from the allowable process claim) will be rejoined. The claims directed to the product must then be fully examined for patentability. MPEP § 821.04. Specifically, Applicant notes that claim 41 is directed to a product made using the method of claim 1.

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would advance the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

Respectfully submitted,

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